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Marginal Column

By BENJAMIN AKZIN

AMIDST the criticisms, largely unjust, levelled in Britain and the United States against Israel, and the largely just grievances of Israel against those two countries, it is important not to lose sight of the fundamental relationship between Israel and the West, led and represented as it is by the two English-speaking great powers. Basically and by the firm choice of the overwhelming majority of its population, Israel's values and way of life are those of the West. This is especially true of immigrants from Eastern Europe. They had, after all, the choice between two movements that promised to end the age-old discriminations against Jews — Zionism and Communism. Those who came here chose Zionism. But it is equally true of immigrants from other regions. In the recent Knesset elections, only 4½ per cent voted the Communist way, and of these one-half or more were Arab votes. The rest opted for a Western type of society. This is true even of Mapam, once pretty close to the line, but who lately have moved steadily away from it, week by week.

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TRUE, the social values prevailing in Israel are not those typical of the United States. They are closer to the views held in Britain, Belgium, Australia, the Scandinavian countries. They are Western nevertheless. However serious the quarrel — and it is serious, let there be no misunderstanding about it — it doesn't affect this underlying affinity. To the extent that the rivalry between West and East, in a deeper historical sense, is a rivalry of ideas and values and not a mere competition of powerblocs, Israel's place is in the West.

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ANOTHER question is whether Israel would or should enter a closer political relationship with the powers of the West. It will suffice to remind ourselves that Israel was ready to do so. Where Britain is concerned, for a very long time many Zionists saw the incorporation of the future Jewish commonwealth as a self-governing dominion within the British commonwealth. It is significant that this view was held not only by the late Dr. Weizmann but also by the late Mr. Jabotinsky, and that both reluctantly gave up the hope only when it became quite clear that Britain did not wish for the partnership.

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WITH reference to the United States, the question presented itself in a different form: that of joining the mutual security system inaugurated under American leadership. What happened was that, after an initial and understandable period of hesitation, Israel had clearly indicated its readiness to join that system, repeating its desire for this policy almost *ad nauseam* in face of obvious American disinclination. This writer hopes, as do many others, that some day — unless the need for a Western security system passes altogether — the American Government will change its attitude. Until that happens, continued harping on the point, whether in form of a mutual defence treaty, inclusion in a regional defence pact or otherwise, would merely embarrass the United States and expose Israel to senseless self-abasement. Senseless, because a treaty, unless accompanied by the sincere desire of one party to live up to it, only serves to delude the other party. No international lawyer or foreign minister has ever been at a loss to argue that a *casus foederis* has not arisen, if he didn't want it to arise.

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UNTIL circumstances change, Israel is therefore ideologically and culturally of the West, even though diplomatically and militarily it is left to shift for itself. In this, though not in other respects, it finds itself in a position not quite dissimilar to that into which Sweden and Switzerland have placed themselves by choice. Situated as it is, Israel's position is an exceedingly difficult one, but nothing will be gained by failing to recognize it for what it is.

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A WORD about France: with that power, Zionism's and Israel's interests were never linked as closely as with either the United States or Britain, nor were the differences between them nearly as bitter. But there always existed and still exists a deep affection for France in Israel, as well as the impression of a real community of interests.

Jerusalem, January 17.

Junta Proclaims New Egyptian Constitution

CAIRO, Monday. — Egypt's ruling military junta today introduced a new constitution that promises the beginning of parliamentary rule. Premier Gamal Abdul Nasser proclaimed the new constitution at a mass meeting in Cairo. It called for the establishment of a "Socialist democratic system" headed by a President of the Republic. Legislative powers will be wielded by a one-chamber National Assembly.

Abdul Nasser and his colleagues on the junta which overthrew King Farouk three years ago are expected to retain control of the country by popular vote when elections for the National Assembly are held.

The Premier announced no date for the elections, but said that a national plebiscite would be held on June 23 to elect a President. The electors, he said, would also vote for or against the new constitution "which will become operative on the date of the announcement of its approval by the people."

The constitution says that "all resolutions taken by the Revolution Command Council and all laws or resolutions related to them, including the limitation of land holdings to 200 acres, cannot be annulled or their validity questioned, nor can compensation thereof be demanded under any circumstances or through any channels whatsoever."

Equality to Women

Among the guarantees provided by the constitution is one that there shall be no discrimination against women.

The covenants of the constitution, announced today, specifically bar members of the former royal family from holding the office of President, who will be elected for a six-year term.

Thousands of Egyptians thronged the downtown Republic Square hours before the Premier was due to appear. Special trains had brought them in from the countryside, and loudspeakers relayed martial music to entertain them during the long wait.

Abdul Nasser told the crowd that the new consitution provides for "abolition of social distinctions," guarantees "social justice, equality and opportunity" and also will guarantee "the sanctity of private property."

He said that the procedure for presidential election is a combination of the parliamentary and presidential systems, "avoiding at the same time the defects in both." Abdul Nasser emphasized that the President would be both Head of State and Chief Executive, as in the U.S., rather than simply Head of State as in Europe. He will formulate government policy in collaboration with the members of his Cabinet, and will have the authority to declare war — with the National Assembly's approval.

Welfare State

Social insurance, public health services and other provisions of the welfare state will be instituted as soon as the new constitution goes into force, Abdul Nasser said.

He told thecrowd, "This is your day, today you can feel yourselves safe. Today, the transition period ends."

He then declared, "From the Atlantic Ocean to the Persian Gulf we will fight for Arab freedom. We will fight united for freedom. We fight against imperialism."

The constitution stipulates that Egypt is an Arab country. The religion of the state will be Islam and the official language Arabic.

The constitution guarantees individual liberty, freedom of expression, of religion and the independence of the judicial authority. It says "military service is a patriotic duty." It guarantees the right of every Egyptian to work and to vote in elections within the provisions of the law.

The President has the right to dissolve the elected Assembly which, however, cannot be dissolved twice for the same reason. New elections will follow a dissolution.

The Assembly will nominate candidates for the Presidency, who then will be elected by public referendum. Should the President die or resign, the Assembly will take over his duties as Head of State for not more than 60 days until a new President is elected.

The constitution states that private property will not be expropriated by the State "except in cases of public utility," and added that in such cases the state will pay "adequate" compensation. *(UP, Reuter)*

Eban to See Dulles On Arms Request

WASHINGTON, Monday (INA). — The Israel Embassy announced today that Ambassador Abba Eban would seek a meeting with Secretary of State Dulles "within a week to resume negotiations on Israel's request for arms for legitimate self-defence."

In connection with this announcement, a high-ranking Israel official said that Israel is convinced that the Arab states would attack Israel "within a few months" if her request for arms from the U.S. is rejected. He commented with some bitterness on the reports that some State Department officials favoured rejection of the Israel request on the grounds that Israel would still be equal to or exceed Egypt in military effectiveness even after Egypt got her Czechoslovak arms. He added that some officials in the Department had adopted the stand that Israel attacks on the Gaza Strip last February and on Syrian positions last month made it politically and militarily imprudent to approve Israel's request.

Ambassador Eban appears to have timed his appointment for an interview with Mr. Dulles to follow the consideration by the Security Council of Syria's complaint. The Council resumes its debate tomorrow.

U.N. Secretary Meets Lloyd On Mid-East Issue

LONDON, Monday. — The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, arrived in London today from New York on the start of a six-week tour of the Middle East, Asia and Australia.

Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd entertained Mr. Hammarskjold at lunch today. Minister of State Anthony Nutting attended today's meetings, at which the explosive Middle Eastern situation was understood to have been one of the topics of discussion.

He leaves for Athens tomorrow and will later visit Turkey, Egypt, Israel, the Lebanon, Syria, Persia, Iraq and Pakistan.

A Washington dispatch which appeared in the "The New York Times" today said that foreign embassies in the U.S. capital believe that Mr. Hammarskjold might take an active hand in behind-the-scenes efforts to arrange an Arab-Israel peace during his tour of the Middle East.

Menon, Nasser To Confer on Mid-East

LONDON, Monday (UP). — India's roving Ambassador, Mr. V.K. Krishna Menon, will fly to Cairo tomorrow to discuss "Middle Eastern affairs" with Premier Abdul Nasser, informed sources reported tonight.

Mr. Menon will spend two days in Cairo.

It was not known if the Indian Ambassador has any specific "mediation" plan. Following the Cairo conference, Mr. Menon will continue on to Delhi.

Mr. Menon, who is *en route* home from New York, earlier today conferred with the former Labour leader, Lord Attlee. The nature of their discussions was not known.

Second Vice-President Suggested by Hoover

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — A Senate subcommittee on ways to lighten the burden of the Presidency opened its hearings today with a suggestion by a former President that a new office should be created.

Ex-President Herbert Hoover suggested to the committee that Congress should authorize the appointment of an Administrative Vice-President to handle many "secondary" presidential duties, including things like determining the composition of army rations and tours for the Navy band, for which the President is at present legally responsible.

The only other living ex-President, Mr. Harry Truman, has opposed the idea of an Administrative Vice-President.

Military Aid Not Enough – Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower today asked Congress for authority to spend $4,860m. on military, economic and technical aid to America's allies in the 12 months beginning next July.

In his budget message to Congress, President Eisenhower accused Russia of failing to give concrete evidence of any intention to agree on disarmament and announced a $903m. increase in spending on national defence in a budget totalling $65,900m.

Warning that military aid was not enough to meet the challenge facing the non-Communist world, he said it was necessary to help less developed areas which were "a special target of international Communism."

4 Countries Get 50%

Foreign aid funds will mostly go to fill the depleted pipeline of goods to America's allies. They will make possible only a bare start on the long-term "Marshal plan" type of aid mentioned in the State of the Union message of January 5, aimed especially at helping such areas as the Middle East and South-East Asia. The President in his message today repeated his January request for "limited authority" to undertake long-term commitments to aid economic projects on the understanding that he would ask Congress annually for the funds required.

Mr. Eisenhower said that half the foreign military aid programme for 1956-57 would be concentrated in Turkey, Pakistan, Formosa and Korea.

Some countries receiving military aid had not the economic capacity to support effective defence forces. It was important to help those countries, he pointed out.

President Eisenhower estimated total expenditure for atomic energy in 1956-57 at $1,900m. an increase of about 12 per cent on the current spending. On the military side, pending trustworthy agreement on atomic disarmament, "We must continue to increase our nuclear weapons stockpile which is the principal deterrent to armed aggression in the world."

Little Hope Seen Of U.N. Council Decision Today

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — Efforts by members of the U.N. Security Council to iron out difficulties standing in the way of a unanimous resolution on the Syrian complaint regarding an Israel attack on December 11 continued today in preparation for the Council meeting tomorrow.

It is expected that the Council will hold two meetings tomorrow but there is only a slight chance that it will be able to reach a decision, and another meeting may be necessary on Wednesday.

The principal discussions today were between the three Western powers. During a previous debate, all 11 members of the Council agreed that Israel should be condemned for the attack but there were still differences between the West and the Soviet Union.

While the Soviet Union favoured payment of compensation by Israel, the three major Western powers omitted any reference to it on the grounds that there was no machinery for equitable assessment of indemnities. The West, however, admitted the principle of compensation.

Consideration was understood to have been given over the week-end to a proposal that the West submit a separate resolution calling on the U.N. Secretary-General to study how such machinery might be set up.

Another difficulty concerned the attempt by the West to "balance" the condemnation of Israel by calling attention to Syrian "interference" with Israel fishing on Lake Kinneret which was the reason behind the attack. The Soviet Union has criticized this attempt.

There was hope in some Western quarters that some words could be found which would get around the problem.

Canada Denies Military Shipments to Egypt

OTTAWA, Monday (Reuter). — Defence Minister Ralph Campney said today that he had "no knowledge" of any military equipment shipped from Canada to Egypt during the week-end. He was answering a question in Parliament on the Egyptian freighter, Star of Aswan.

There were several reports that the Egyptian ship, due to sail for the Mediterranean today from Halifax, carried a secret cargo of guns and army-type lorries destined for Egypt.

The ship's captain said that reports of 28 to 40 army-type lorries aboard were "a lot of foolishness."

FINNISH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS OPEN

HELSINKI Monday (UP). — Finland began a two-day presidential election today.

The balloting today and tomorrow is for 300 electors who will meet on February 15 to choose a President. A record number of 2½ million Finns were expected to vote.

Incumbent President Juho Paasikivi is not formally listed as a candidate, but he is considered very much in the running. He may be suggested for re-election by the Electoral College, and would be expected to win.

Lavon Report Calls For Emergency Measures

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Alerting the nation to the impending emergency, Mapai's Lavon Committee today recommended: stripping the economy of all luxuries; an extensive programme of civil defence, and mobilization of manpower for essential jobs in settlements.

Report Seen Placing Nation on Alert

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The aim of the Lavon Committee recommendations is clearly to put the nation on the alert — and little more. The recommendations themselves are rather vague, indicating a trend rather than stating a plan. The details are left to the respective appropriate authorities, the Government, the Jewish Agency, the Histadrut, and the municipalities.

In stressing the necessity for cool reasoning, the Lavon Committee echoes a general wish, rather than proposes a new approach. Similar measures were proposed by serious-minded people some time ago, but the general trend at the time was towards less restrictions.

One part of the report needs clarification: the proposed establishment of an Advisory Board of notables to the Minister of Defence. The idea recalls the days of the Hagana, when representatives of all parties sat on the civilian committee which controlled the Defence Forces of the Yishuv. It brings about a division between the administration of the country as represented by the Cabinet Government, and the national responsibility for this country's security which can not be contained in the normal coalition process.

It also asked that persons of military age be prevented from leaving the country, and called for a Defence Tax which would yield IL50m., and a special tax on flats of over 80 square metres in area.

A National Defence Council, composed of civic leaders, should be set up to advise the Minister of Defence, the Committee recommended.

The report was compiled during the past fortnight by an 11-man committee presided over by Mr. Pinhas Lavon, former Minister of Defence. It will come up for discussion in the Mapai Political Committee and by the party's Knesset representatives.

Plans for using manpower in case of mass mobilization should be made immediately, possibly by a body detailed by the Ministry of Labour, the Committee recommended. A special authority should be created to supervise all matters concerning manpower.

Border Settlements

Border settlements constitute a special concern. The Committee recommends the conscription of a thousand or 1,500 persons, mainly in the 35 to 45 age group, for a year's work in villages which need expert direction. These men and women would work in teams of between eight and 10 men, and would include teachers, doctors and military experts.

Civil defence, in order to be effective, must be under a single authority which would supersede all bodies which now exercise partial power in this field. This authority could be detailed to the police, the report said. Especially urgent is the need to build shelters.

For the time of the emergency, strikes and lock-outs should be prohibited in Government and Municipal service, as well as in Jewish Agency establishments. Arbitration shou'd be made compulsory and a special body should be instituted to this effect.

The Minister of Finance should be given authority to decide what essetial projects in the national economy must be postponed in order to give priority to national security. The Minister of Finance and the Minister

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PROGRESSIVES POSTPONE MEETING TO WEDNESDAY

The meeting of the Progressive Party Board scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed till next Wednesday, since the Cabinet on Sunday failed to come to a decision on the wage question, a Party spokesman said yesterday. The Party has repeatedly threatened to leave the coalition should the Government not grant civil servants and professionals in senior Government positions increases promised them.

Britain 'Lends' Mid-East Troops to Harding

NICOSIA, Monday (Reuter). — Paratroopers and light infantry — latest reinforcements to Britain's Middle East forces — will be used for anti-terrorist operations in Cyprus as well as other Middle East duties.

About 1,000 paratroopers flew to Cyprus from Britain last week, and the main body of a light infantry battalion is due early next week.

It was understood that these troops will be lent temporarily to the Cyprus Governor, General Sir John Harding, to help safeguard internal security. Their duties will be such as to enable them to withdraw immediately should their services be required elsewhere in the Middle East.

It is estimated that the latest troop movements will bring the British garrison in Cyprus to some 17,000 men.

Isolated incidents continued today.

Israel, Italy Raise Status of Envoys

Israel and Italy announced yesterday that they had raised the status of their respective diplomatic missions in Rome and Tel Aviv from legations to embassies.

The Italian Ambassador, Benedetto Capomazzo, marchese di Campolattaro, who has been Minister, will present his credentials to President Ben-Zvi next week. Similarly, Israel's Minister, Mr. Eliahu Sasson, has been given the rank of Ambassador.

Italy and Syria have also raised their respective diplomatic missions to the rank of Embassy.

Israel now has embassies in six other countries: Argentina, Canada, France, Great Britain, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

Mid-East Peace Remote, Says British Daily

LONDON, Monday (INA). — A "Daily Telegraph" editorial on the forthcoming Anglo-American talks on the Middle East today stresses that "the major preoccupation of all Israel's neighbours is her extermination, and prospects of any sort of compromise are remote."

Commenting on the resolution to censure Israel now before the U.N. Security Council, the paper says that Israel's act of reprisal against Syria "differed only in scale from the whole series of such incidents on both sides." In view of the uncompromising nature of both sides in the Arab-Israel dispute, the paper urges the reaffirmation of the 1950 Tripartite Agreement.

A "New York Herald Tribune" editorial on the Israel-Syrian resolution before the Security Council says that it would be a spectacular act of statesmanship on Israel's part if she would voluntarily offer to pay reparations to Syria for damage caused in the December 11 raid. Though in Israel's eyes the payment of damages would constitute an admission of wrongdoing, it has been reported from Israel that the raid was ordered by Mr. Ben-Gurion without the approval of the Cabinet, and payment would be welcome assurance of more moderate policies.

Since the possibility that the West may accept the principle of indemnities has been raised, Israel might well improve her whole position by voluntarily acceding to the growing pressure in the U.N. that peace be protected by sanctions, the paper concludes.

Jordan Pledges to Protect U.S. Lives, Property

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — The State Department said today that Jordan had given the U.S. assurances that she would take every possible measure to protect American lives and property in Jordan.

The Department's spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, replying to a question at his daily press conference, said he did not know specifically whether Jordan had replied to a U.S. protest following damage caused to U.S. property in recent Jordanian riots.

In his capacity as Minister of the Interior, Rafa'i yesterday ordered public and government schools, closed for the past 10 days, to reopen tomorrow morning. The order affects primarily schools in the Old City and Amman, where the curfew was lifted only on Sunday.

The border between Syria and Jordan, which has been closed ever since the recent wave of rioting, was reopened to Traffic on Sunday.

(El Jihad, A-Diffa, Falastin)

First Siddur to Be Printed in USSR

MOSCOW, Monday (Reuter). — The first Hebrew prayer book to be published in the Soviet Union since the revolution 38 years ago, is being printed, it was learned today.

The prayer book *(siddur)* is already set in type and is expected to be published in February.

Permission to the Jewish community to produce a prayer book follows the allocation of paper to the Russian Orthodox Church recently for the printing of the first Bible to appear in Russia since the revolution.

The new edition of the prayer book — several thousands are being printed — will be available to synagogues in Moscow as well as other cities with Jewish communities. It is being paid for by Jewish community funds, and the printing is being done at the Government printing plant.

Supervision of the book through the press is believed to be the responsibility of Moscow's Great Synagogue, largest of three in the capital, where the Jewish population is variously estimated to be between 300,000 and 500,000.

Until now, synagogues have used cherished copies of prayer books preserved from pre-revolution days.

There are also plans for the eventual publication of a Jewish religious calendar.

New Chairman For Egyptian MAC

Col. Robert Bayard, U.S. paratrooper, has been appointed Chairman of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission, according to a U.N. source. He replaces Chef de Bataillon F. X. Giacomaggi who will be an adviser to Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization.

Col. David Ely, Canadian artillery officer, will move from U.N. Headquarters in Jerusalem to Cairo where he will be the U.N. Liaison Officer. NEABS yesterday reported that the Egyptian Government has approved Col. Ely's appointment, although U.N. Headquarters had not received official notice from Cairo by last night.

Hitch Postpones Signing Of Lebanon-Syria Pact

The signing of the Syrian-Lebanese mutual security pact now depends only on the will of the Syrian Government, Salim Lahoud, Lebanese Foreign Minister, announced in Beirut yesterday at the close of discussions in Beirut between Syrian and Lebanese representatives.

Lahoud revealed that the Lebanese Government had requested a number of changes in the agreement, and that now it was up to Syria to approve them.

The Premiers of the two countries announced on Saturday that the agreement would be finally signed yesterday. On Monday, however, the Lebanese proposed a number of changes which were opposed by the Syrians, and the signing of the instrument has apparently again been postponed.

Soviet Economic Drive Seen in Latin America

MOSCOW, Monday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Nikolai Bulganin said today that the Soviet Union was ready to expand its diplomatic and trade relations with Latin America.

Answering questions from the editor of the Latin American magazine, "Vision," he held out the same attractive prospects of technical assistance and trade to "mutual advantage" as he and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Communist Party Secretary, offered to Asian countries on their recent visit there.

Marshal Bulganin's replies were seen in Moscow as a new Soviet economic and diplomatic "offensive" in Latin America aimed at encouraging neutralism and winning the area away from U.S. influence.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

State police opened fire in Bombay last night during riots which followed an announcement by the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, that the city's administration would be brought under the Central Government.

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Social & Personal

President Ben-Zvi yesterday received the Israel Ambassador to Argentina and Minister to Chile and Paraguay, Dr. A. L. Kubovy.

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The Foreign Minister and Mrs. Moshe Sharett yesterday entertained to tea Mr. Arthur Bottomley, M.P., and Mrs Bottomley, Mr. Kenneth Robinson, M.P.; Mr Anthony Greenwood, M.P., and Mrs. Greenwood. The guests were accompanied by Mr. Mordechai Shneerson and Mr. Uriel Doron of the Foreign Ministry.

Messrs. Bottomley and Greenwood were received yesterday by the Minister of Finance at his office, while Mr. Robinson conferred with the Minister of Health. Mr. Bottomley also visited Mr. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel. The M.P.'s and their ladies visited the Knesset yesterday afternoon and were received by the Speaker, Mr. Josef Sprinzak.

Mayor Agron of Jerusalem entertained the visitors yesterday evening.

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Foreign Minister Sharett yesterday received Greece's Diplomatic Representative in Israel, Mr. Ange Stavros Vlachos.

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Mr. Stephen McAdden, M.P., and Mrs. McAdden visited the Technion yesterday and were shown the new campus.

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Lord and Lady Hore-Belisha were entertained to lunch yesterday by members of the faculty of the Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan.

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Mr. Charles Garside, a member of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, and Dr. John Slocum, Secretary of the Board, visited the Hebrew University yesterday, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Lincoln Hale and Dr. Paul Orvis, of U.S.O.M. Other visitors at the University yesterday were Mr. Alfred Bottomley, M.P., and Mr. Kenneth Robinson, M.P.

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Judge Shalom Kassan was inscribed in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund by the recent annual convention of the B'nai B'rith in Israel in recognition of his services over the last six years as Vice-President and National President of the Order.

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Mr. I Klinov, Director of the Information Department of the Jewish Agency, has left for Switzerland, to help prepare the Convention of Jewish Organizations which will be held in Geneva at the beginning of February.

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The general meeting of the Israel Oriental Society at the Hebrew University is to take place at the Terra Sancta building, Hall 21, at 8.15 this evening. Mr. Y. Tekoah, Director of the Armistice Affairs in the Foreign Ministry, will speak on "The Armistice Agreements and our Relations with the Neighbouring States."

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BIRTH AND BRITH MILAH

GLATT — To Jenny (nee van Zwanenberg) and Jules Glatt, at Moledah Maternity Hospital, Mt. Carmel — a son. The Brith Milah will take place on Jan. 19, 1956 at 10.30 a.m. at Moledah. Relatives and friends are hereby invited.

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The Netherlands Minister to Israel, Mr. Gideon Boissevain, will be the guest of honour at a Members' Supper to be held at 8.30 next Monday evening at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem. Members, tourists and their guests may make reservations by calling 5783.

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50 EMIGRANTS GO BACK TO RUMANIA

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Monday. — A group of 50 emigrants returning to Rumania, the largest single group in some years, left the country in the s.s Jerusalem today. Most were elderly, but about 15 younger persons and half a dozen children also left with them. Their fares were paid by the Rumanian Consulate. Another group of 30 is now awaiting final papers before returning to Rumania.

The emigrants said that they were leaving to join their relatives. They had hoped that their families would be able to join them here, but as there was no hope of this, they had decided to return to Rumania.

IL.900,000 FOR SHELTERS

The cost of construction of air raid shelters in Haifa has been estimated at IL.900,000 according to Mayor Abba Khoushy's statement in the Municipal Council on Sunday, and not IL.60,000 as reported yesterday through an error in transmission.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Ora, 27 King George, 2043. Manny, Malka Yehuda, 2043.
TEL AVIV: Melchadetzky, 7 Ben Yehuda, 23570. Bracha, 243 Dizengoff, 25440. Reitblat, 19 Nahlat Binyamin, Bloch, 32 Bloch, 26425. Biva, Hatikva Qtr., 67402. JAFFA: Gelenics, 19 Rehov 4, 83429. RAMAT GAN: Ramat Gan, 51 Bialik, 71314. RAMAT YITZHAK: Hatichon, 58 Hatichon, 71049. RISHON LEZION: Malal, HOLON: Ribek, Kikar Struma. PETAH TIKVA: Kubo, 3 Pinsker.
HAIFA: Baltour, 1 Masada, 2289. Hakochav, 36 Wadi Salib. KIRYAT BIALIK: Bialik, 7280. SAFAD: Feldmann.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
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In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeals

Before the President (Justice Olshan), Justices Landau and Berinson.

Israel and Bertha Zachlopnik, Appellants, v. Dr. Felix Klug, Respondent (C.A. 378/54).

Advocate's Fees in Legal Aid Case

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Haifa District Court sitting as a court of appeals, delivered on July 7, 1954 (C.A. 98/53).

Mr. and Mrs. Zachlopnik, who are people of small means, appealed to the Advocates' Association in Haifa for legal aid in an action to procure the return of certain possessions and remuneration for others. The Association entrusted the task of handling their case to Dr. Klug, after informing them that the condition was that he should be paid the usual fee after the completion of the case. In the power of attorney which they gave Dr. Klug they empowered him, amongst other things, to collect any moneys coming to them.

In the course of proceedings, goods worth about IL565 were returned to the appellants, and they were finally, after lengthy litigation, awarded an additional IL75, plus lawyer's fees of IL70. Dr. Klug collected the sum of IL148, which he set off as against his fees. His clients objected to this, claiming that he should have taken only the IL70 awarded by the court. The Magistrate's Court found in their favour, holding that Dr. Klug had not been entitled to set off his fees against the money he had received for his clients, unless the fee due to him had been assessed in advance by the court; and that, secondly, the appropriate fee was, in any case, not more than the IL70 awarded by the court.

In the appeal against this decision, the Haifa District Court held that an advocate was entitled to deduct his fees from any moneys he received on behalf of his clients and that, in the present case, he was entitled to an assessed fee of IL120.

Mr. Zachlopnik appeared in person, Mr. Stanner for the respondent.

Judgment

Justice Landau, in giving the judgment of the Supreme Court, said that the question whether, in principle, an advocate is entitled to deduct his fees from moneys collected on behalf of his clients is of great importance, but as the appellants had not brought it up, he saw no justification in dealing with it without the benefit of Counsel's arguments.

As to the appellants' argument that an advocate may not demand a higher fee than that awarded by the court, it is well known in Israel that the courts usually award costs which bear no relation whatsoever to the actual outlay expended by the litigant on advocate's fees. In the absence of any explicit agreement between an advocate and his client, the advocate is entitled to an appropriate assessed fee, and the amounts awarded by the courts for advocate's fees cannot serve even as a *prima facie* yardstick for such appropriate fees.

In the present case it was very possible that the appellants had wrongly presumed that they had been given legal aid and would thus not be called upon to defray any fees from their own pockets. But this presumption was baseless, since they had been informed by the Association that they would have to pay the usual advocate's fees when the case had been brought to a conclusion.

The Magistrate's Court had erred in taking account of irrelevant considerations, such as the financial standing of the appellants, when assessing the appropriate fee. A client's poverty should not in any way influence the calculation of the value of the work put into a case by an advocate, and the District Court had correctly remarked that the reduction of fees for social considerations was entirely a matter for an advocate's conscience. The sum of IL120, assessed by the District Court as the appropriate fee, was not exorbitant by any means, as evidenced by the testimony of the expert witness. While the disappointment of the appellants at not receiving any of the money awarded them by the court was understandable, nevertheless the respondent was entitled to his fees. It was their bad luck that at the time they needed an advocate, the Legal Aid Office (which now provides legal aid gratuitously in needy cases) had not yet come into existence.

Appeal dismissed without costs.

Judgment given on January 12, 1956.

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"Conquest of the Desert" permanent Exhibition on the grounds of the Jerusalem Convention Centre, 10-1, 4-6.

1) Oil Paintings and Drawings by Yona Mach. 2) Drawings and Woodcuts by Jacob Pins. 3) Selection of Japanese Prints from Jacob Pins' collection. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

1) Dutch and Flemish Paintings of the 17th Century. 2) French Paintings of the 20th Century. 3) Paintings by Zygmunt Schreter. 4) Pochoir Paintings of Maya Art after Manuscripts and Monuments by Felipe Neri Gonsales. Exhibit of the Month: A Drawing by Giovanni Francesco Berbieri, called Guercino (1591-1666), Bezalel National Museum, 9-1, 2-5.

Permanent archaeological exhibition at the Department of Antiquities. Also temporary Exhibition of objects found in Caesarea. Visiting hours: Sundays-Thursdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3-5 p.m. Fridays and eves of holidays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

★ Tours: —
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Theatre: —
Do-Re-Mi, "Holiday in Venice," 8.15 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:—
Watercolours by Shimshon Holzman and paintings by Ephira Ilin, Tel Aviv Museum, 9-1, 2-5. Autumn Exhibition at the Art Pavilion of the Painters and Sculptors Association, 9 Rehov Alharizi, last day 10-1, 4-7.

Carnival Costumes and Masks for Purim (Watercolours), many original creations by Hanna Or. Exhibition open daily at Beit Hahalutzot, 27 Rehov Hamelekh George, 10-1, 3-6 p.m.; Friday 10-2.

Paintings, drawings and woodcuts by Arieh Allweil, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m., Tel Aviv Museum.

★ Concert:—
Trio Vincze—Grunschlag (Piano, violin and cello) in a programme of Beethoven, Bloch and Brahms, Z.O.A. House, 8.30 p.m.

★ Theatre:—
Chamber Theatre, "The Good Soul of Szechuan," Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Lady of the Manor," New Chamber Theatre, 8 p.m.
Ohel, "Johnny Belinda." Ohel Theatre, 8 p.m.
Ramatorna, "Sleeping Beauty and the Seven Dwarfs." Ohel Theatre, 3.30 p.m.
Habimah, "Medea," Habimah, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibition:—
Paintings by Samuel Lamm and Zfira Ilin. Fortnightly exhibit: Brush drawing by Abraham Yaakiel. Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

★ Theatres:—
The Spanish-French Ballet of Jose Torres and his 16-man band — "May" Hall, 3.30 and 9 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Italian Straw Hat," Armon Hall, 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Zitarion:—
Benny Bennet and his Latin American Band — 7.15 and 9.30 p.m.

HADERA

★ Theatre: —
Yiddish Musical Comedy, "My Girl," Hof Hall, 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.

HERZLIYA

★ Theatre:—
"Der Gaslen."—Yiddish Theatre, Tiferet, 8.30 p.m.

RISHON-LE-ZION

★ Theatre: —
Obel, "Eldorado," 8 p.m.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

522, 249, 33.3 & 42.9 M.

News, Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 p.m. 12.00 m'dnight. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 5.45 p.m. 6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down. 12.00 N. "Music at Noon" Gene Kelly. 12.30 Music for two pianos. 12.50 Music by I. Albeniz (R). 1.45 "From Dan to Eilat" (R). 3.30 Close Down. 4.00 p.m. Programme for Hospitals. 4.30 Agricultural Programme. 4.40 Famous Singers. 5.00 Language Corner. 5.15 Youth's Corner. 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 The Week in the U.N. 7.30 Haifa Programme. 8.00 Noah's Ark. 8.45 The Middle East. 9.15 Concert by the "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra. Conductor: Heinz Freudenthal. Soloist: Shimon Mishory. Monteverdi-Freudenthal: "Orpheo" — Suite. Mozart: Symphony No. 40. Haleff: Divertimento. Lavry: Israeliana" Sibelius: "Return to Lemminkainen." 10.45 Short Story. 11.00 New Worlds. 11.15 Light Music. 11.30 Dance Music. (R). 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

467, 468, 325, 316, 49.8 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m.
French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 469 M.): 5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Yiddish — Hebrew Lesson. 6.00 Light Music (R). 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Turkish. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 News. 6.40 From the Federation. 6.45 "The Negev": Dr. Nelson Gluck. 7.00 Music by Nissan Cohen Melamed. 11.45 p.m. News. 11.25 On the Spot. 11.30 "Around the Settlements." — Moshav Orot. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.10 Musical Mosaic. 7.30 "Bow and Arrow." 8.00 Noah's Ark. 8.45 "Encore" for David Oistrakh. 9.00 News. 9.15 "The Dambusters" from the book of Paul Brickerville by Moshe Ben-Ephraim. 9.40 Arabic Tunes. 10.00 Close Down.

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TEL AVIV: "Ohel Shem," tomorrow, Jan. 18, at 8.30 p.m.
RAMAT GAN: "Roma," Thurs., Jan. 19, at 8.30 p.m.
TEL AVIV: "Ohel Shem," Sat., Jan. 21, 2 parts, 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.

Sapling Farmers

TEL AVIV, Monday. — To help youngsters strike roots in the earth from an early age, a Future Farmers of Israel Association is being set up by the Farmers Association, with the cooperation of the agricultural education department of the Ministry of Agriculture and U.S.O.M., Mr. M. Aloni, of the Farmers Association who is organizing the project, has told *The Jerusalem Post*.

In the Association's 1956 administrative budget of IL180,000, approved yesterday, IL5,000 has been appropriated for the first six months of the new movement's activities.

The first branch will be opened in a fortnight at Givat Ada, one of the association's 30 villages. Only after five village branches are in full operation will the movement be nationally inaugurated and centres opened in the towns, Mr. Aloni said.

Two age-groups, 12-13 and 20-30 will take part in a combined social and agricultural-technical programme. Study space and some of the instructors will be provided by local agricultural schools. More social than agricultural activities will be provided for the juniors who, as they advance, will settle down to more serious agricultural study. It is hoped generally that seniors will become the instructors for juniors, as they have promised in Givat Ada.

In the final stage, cooperative farms are planned, where groups of seniors will be allotted farmland to cultivate together. WIZO has offered to train girls in "making the farmhouse attractive."

CENTRAL TEL AVIV SLUM TO DISAPPEAR

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Building on a IL7m. project to replace the 300 ungainly huts of the Nordia quarter in the heart of Tel Aviv between King George Street and Dizengoff Circus by modern flats and a business centre will start in June, Mr. Y. Tenenbaum, the Haifa contractor, has told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The project, which includes a 12 storey "skyscraper," will be built by a new company set up by Mr. Tenenbaum and Shikun, the Histadrut housing company. The plans were prepared by Messrs. A. Elhanani, I. Lotan and A. Chelouche, who won a Municipality competition some years ago.

The hut dwellers, some of whom have lived there for the past 32 years, will be given two-roomed flats in four-storey blocks. They will be required to pay the difference in value above the IL3,000 that each family will receive in compensation. A contract to this effect was signed two weeks ago with a special Nordia Quarter Committee, after two years of negotiations.

The 32 dunam hut area is now under the Development Authority's jurisdiction. Some 42,000 square metres will be built up, of which 18,000 sq.m. will be occupied by housing for the present inhabitants. Included in the project are several hundred offices and 100 shops, Mr. Tenenbaum said.

Municipal confirmation for the scheme is assured, Mr. Tenenbaum said, and building should be completed within three years.

Views on News

By JESSE ZEL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Monday. — The perils of a press conference were ably demonstrated last week to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, veteran of hundreds of encounters with reporters. Dr. Goldmann had just returned from Israel and he wished to tell the American people that Israel is in mortal danger if she does not get American arms.

It did not come out that way in the papers. The headlines from coast to coast said: "Israel Will Stop Immigration." Mrs. Judith Epstein, who was speaking in St. Louis for Hadassah, told me that she was shocked to see it on the front page of the "Post-Dispatch," in that city, just as Dr. Goldmann was amazed to read it in the New York papers.

All Dr. Goldmann said was that there were 80,000 Moroccan Jews registered for immigration to Israel, and that the Jewish Agency was discouraging further registration, because it would take two years to bring in those now enrolled. In fact, he added, it might take longer unless the U.J.A. raises more money. Up to now, Dr. Goldmann explained, the Israel Government has been bearing the burden of building houses for new immigrants and he feared that it might have to stop building houses, as all its funds will have to go for arms.

How other reporters construed this statement to mean that immigration will be stopped, this reporter, who was present, cannot explain.

The "Herald-Tribune" reporter tried to pin Dr. Goldmann down on whether he thought there would be war in four months (as the Alsop Brothers predicted) if Israel does not get the arms she seeks. Dr. Goldmann said that 1956 will be the crucial year, but he would not be more specific.

"We have called a World Zionist Congress for April," Dr. Goldmann added, "and we would not invite hundreds of delegates to Jerusalem if we expected war to break out." An Israel correspondent muttered: "Why not?"

TEL AVIV FIRM TO MAKE X-RAY FILM

TEL AVIV, Monday. — X-ray film is the new product to be produced in Israel shortly by the Chemodan factory, in sufficient quantity to supply all local needs, the Manufacturers Association announced here yesterday.

The Chemodan factory, established under the trade name "Orbi" a year ago, is an approved enterprise which has been producing 135 different sizes and types of photo paper sufficient for the local market and large-scale export. A $150,000 export order has been received from Turkey for this paper and awaits authorization by the Turkish authorities.

Local requirements amount to some IL400,000 yearly. Situated in the industrial zone on the left bank of the Yarkon River, the plant has a half a million pound investment including foreign currency. Twenty workers are employed in the plant.

Mozart All Year

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Concerts, lectures and special celebrations to mark the Mozart bicentenary are to continue throughout the year.

Among the central celebrations will be a special Mozart concert given by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Erich Leinsdorf on January 28, the day after Mozart's birthday. Cabinet members will address the gathering, Dr. W. Shor, Secretary of the Mozart Year Committee, has announced. The Ohel Theatre and the Tel Aviv Chamber Choir will perform the short opera "The Impresario," on the 27th. A Mozart concert for young people will be given by the I.P.O. on January 30.

It is also hoped to perform another Mozart opera this year, at least in concert form. By public demand, a repeat performance is to be given of the Requiem at the beginning of March. In Jerusalem, the Kol Yisrael Orchestra and local musicians have already begun Mozart series. The Histadrut Cultural Centre is training settlement choirs and providing them with material on the composer's life and work.

The Austrian Consul-General, Mr. K.H. Enderl, has told the press that Israel is among the countries which have shown the greatest interest in the celebrations. He was happy to see the close relations between the Israel Mozarteum and the International Mozarteum in Salzburg.

SPORT ROUND THE WORLD

SYDNEY. — The Australian Empire Games swimming star and Olympic hope, Lorraine Crappa, who has broken several women's world records during the past two years, added two more to her collection. She covered 880 yards in 10 mins: 34.1 secs, beating the old record by 23.5 secs., and 800 metres in 10:30.9, an improvement of 11.15 secs on the old figures.

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CAMBRIDGE, (Mass). — Sam Langford, a legendary figure in American boxing, reputed to have fought 642 bouts in 21 years, died last Thursday in a nursing home here. His dramatic rise and equally dramatic fall in the ring world made headlines a few years ago, when he was found blind and penniless in a tenement in New York's Harlem district. Boxing enthusiasts contributed funds to help the destitute "Boston Tarbaby." Although classed as a welter weight, the many men who greatly outweighed him in his heyday from 1902-1923 and beat several heavy-Canadian born Langford fought weights. In 1906 he lost a close 15-round decision to Jack Johnson, who later became the world heavyweight champion.

300 ISRAELIS have asked permission to cross into Jordan on Wednesday to celebrate the Armenian Christmas. They are to return on Thursday.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS 'A Time to Speak...'

"Herut" again pecks at its favourite grouse: the inadequacy of Israel's diplomacy, and points out that we talk when it were best to remain silent and withdraw into our shells when we should speak out. We keep mum out of fear for what others will think of us and raise a grand rumpus when someone talks about compromises we should make, as if all our shouting will help change matters one iota. We make speeches when a curt written note would speak volumes and our Foreign Minister talks too much and writes too little just as our Government talks a lot but does nothing.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) argues that unemployment can be dealt with successfully and that, in the face of the emergency situation and the ever-mounting cost of living when salaries do not overtake expenses, it is the Government's duty to plan emergency employment quickly.

"Omer" (Histadrut) is enthusiastic over the impetus of the movement to aid border settlements, which will incidentally make quite an impression on Jewry abroad. If it attracts more Jewish youth, some are bound to remain here for good, and those who go home will bring back with them the smell of Israel's fields.

Intent on Construction

"Davar" (Histadrut) writes that the plan for setting up 11 new settlements in the Southern Negev will prove the area's value is not just "sentimental" and that, though the smell of gunpowder is in the air, we are intent on construction even if it means that we must plant with one hand and hold a weapon in the other.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) considers the drop of enthusiasm in public life and places the blame on the leaders who seem to change their minds overnight on various crucial problems. It goes back on the promises that followed the Guri Commission report on grounds of "national responsibility;" instead of freezing wages, it freezes its promises to the academic workers; and it puts off discussion on vital subjects and shuns handing over the wheel to a national Government.

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi) finds that the U.N. General Secretary has undertaken a difficult task if he wants to mediate in the Middle East. Yet his efforts should not be condemned to failure in advance, and the Government of Israel will cooperate heartily in the hope of realizing positive results within the limits, of course, of the State's sovereignty and integrity.

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At the Cinema

ANOTHER recent stage success reaches the screen in the Cinemascope with "The Seven Year Itch" (Amphitheatre, Haifa). Here we have, in farce, the temptation that besets husbands when the family departs on holiday, although would-be Lotharios are only too glad to abandon extra-marital desires for a speedy return to the old comforts. "The Seven Year Itch's" theatre origin has caused the director, Billy Wilder, difficulty in adaptation — confinement to almost a single set, stage slapstick and the need to visualize over-extended asides and soliloquies. But the sure test is that time passes quickly, the script has a "shaggy dog" inconsequentiality and, as I always think, Marilyn Monroe's talent, when properly directed, in expressing the innocent idiocy of dumb blondes is not always sufficiently appreciated. Here she plays the girl from upstairs. Tom Ewell is the grass widower. *H.*

Search for Blood

"EMERGENCY Call," (Orna, Jerusalem) produced by a firm called Nettlefold Pictures, unexpectedly turns out to be one of the best hospital films to have reached us recently. The story revolves around the search for three blood donors of an extremely rare group. Each episode is well directed. Jack Warner and Ann Shelton give creditable acting performances. *TA.P.M.*

Bread and Gina

BREAD, Love and Jealousy (Migdalor) is an Italian picture of a type with which we have now become familiar. Luscious Lollobrigida is the village girl who attracts all comers, and Vittorio de Sica is the chief male actor. There is the usual crowd of extras and the hill villages of Italy are always a delight to the eye. *S.W.*

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The Ministry of Health announces that the examinations for assistant pharmacists as required by law will be held in March 1956, in Jerusalem. Candidates should apply to the district pharmacists in the local offices of the Ministry of Health, and submit their applications as required by law not later than January 31, 1956.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 2.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARMON: Man Without A Star.
EDEN: Hit the Deck, 2nd week.
EDISON: Battle Cry, 2nd week.
OGEN: Passport to Pimlico, 2nd week.
ORION: Love is a Many-Splendored Thing.
ORNA: Emergency Call.
RON: The Purple Plain.
STUDIO: Queen Christina.
TEL OR: The Great Man.
ZION HALL: "Le Bourg et le Noir."

TEL AVIV

At 2.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ALLENBY: To Hell and Back, 2nd week.
ARMON DAVID: "Carosello Napolitano."
CHEN: Magnificent Obsession, 2nd week.
ESTHER: Blackboard Jungle, 2nd week.
MOGRABI: Demetrius and the Gladiators, 2nd week.
OPHIR: Brigadoon.
ORION: Young at Heart.
SHDEROT: The Divided Heart.
TAMAR: Top Secret, 4th week. Mats.: "The Highway Man," continuous from 9.45 a.m.; Last showing 2.45 p.m.
TCHELET: "Les Amants du Tage," 10th week.
YARON: Gilda.
ZAMIR: "Furia," 8th week.

HAIFA

GAL OR: Madness of Heart, Matinee: Call North Sight 777.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Seven Year Itch.
ORAH: The Woman of Rome.
ARMON: "La Donna Del Fiume," 2nd week.
EN DOR: Hajji Baba.
ORLY: Passport to Pimlico, 3rd week.
MORIAH: Her Twelve Men, 3rd week.
ORION: Women's Prison.
ATZMON: "Les Femmes S'en Balancent."
PEER: On the Waterfront, 4th week.
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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy, with possibility of light local showers.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	71	4	12	14
Tiberias	73	10	18	22
Haifa Port	61	10	19	21
Natanya	75	11	17	20
Tel Aviv Kiryа	69	10	19	21
Tel Aviv Port	70	11	18	20
Lydda Airport	66	9	19	22
Jerusalem	62	6	13	15
Beersheba	67	10	17	22
Eilat	80	8	20	24

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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WARNING SIRENS will be tested in Tel Aviv tomorrow. The sign for the test warning will be one long drawn out wail. In the event of an actual alarm, the warning will be given by intermittent warbling sounds.

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ON LEARNING that the Chief Rabbis had ordered the excavations on the site of the Maimonides Tomb in Tiberias stopped, the Natorei Karta have confined their fervour to proclaiming their views in print on billboards. Some have already left town.

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SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Ya'akov Namal, of Jerusalem, was slightly injured yesterday when hit by a car driven by Ya'acov Uriel, of Beit Mazmil. The car belongs to the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak.

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EYE WITNESSES of the accident in Rehov Moriah, near the Moriah Cinema, at 8.40 p.m. on Monday, January 9, in which Siegfried Markus was fatally injured, are asked to telephone Haifa 6163 or 4444.

C-o-L Index Up 3 Points

The Cost-of-Living Index rose by three points to stand at 239 points at the end of December, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday. Salaries will not be affected.

The prices of fish, white flour, tomatoes, eggplant and green pepper increased during December. There was also a slight rise in taxes, following the increase in the Cost-of-Living allowance.

Government officials expect the Index to rise again in January.

Jerusalem to Spend 30% More Next Year, Rates to Go Up

By MACCABEE KASKIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipality's 1956/57 Budget will be 30 per cent higher than the current one. This will entail a corresponding increase in rates and taxes, Mayor Gershon Agron said yesterday. No increases are contemplated for the remainder of the present fiscal year.

Mr. Agron also stated that the Municipality had come to an arrangement with the Jewish National Fund whereby the latter during the next three years would plant one million trees on 3,000-4,000 dunams in areas northwest of the city which are not suitable for building, auxiliary farming or orchards. The areas are now being marked out. In addition, the Government was now planting 35,000 trees on the road from Givat Shaul.

Turning to the IL3m. Development Loan which the Municipality had received permission to float, the Mayor said that he had high hopes that the issue would be fully taken up. Banking firms which are arranging the sales of the bonds had already agreed to place IL1m. at the city's disposal.

The loan is to be used to house evacuees from dangerous buildings, to extend the industrial zone, to build roads, pavements and paths, to build a bus station, a wholesale market, a proper entrance to the capital, to purchase furniture for schools, to increase street lighting, and to build a garbage disposal plant.

Sign of Confidence

The Development Loan which was eventually to be floated in the U.S. would be no substitute for the present one whose success must serve as a "lever" to show those abroad that citizens had full confidence in their city.

Regarding the 1956/57 budget, Mayor Agron stated that the extra money (more than IL2m.) would be needed for current expenses and for minor development projects.

"This sum is the absolute rock bottom which is needed," he said. All departments were to get increases — but much less than they were clamouring for—with the scales tipped in favour of the Education Department.

Slight improvements would be made in street lighting and sanitation services, and the Engineering Department would be properly staffed with special emphasis on the section dealing with dangerous buildings.

It was expected that one-half of the increase would come from rates, which would be raised progressively, and the rest from higher business taxes, licence fees and similar items.

The administration was not afraid of taking drastic steps to collect rates and taxes "even if it made itself unpopular," the Mayor declared.

Stock of Basic Foods Growing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Reserves of basic foods have increased considerably since autumn, and abundant supplies of certain items are now on hand, Mr. Avinoam Halevy, the Food Controller, announced yesterday at a press conference in Jerusalem.

The increase in stocks has caused a serious storage problem. A partial solution will be sought in issuing "long-term" rations, such as two-month allocations of sugar, beans and oil, for February and March.

The Government has brought in 60 per cent of all food imports, Mr. Halevy said. The lack of storage space for wheat is causing considerable anxiety in view of the larger reserves and the expected big crop this summer of 60,000 tons. Last year, Israel produced only 16,000 tons.

The Government is helping to build new silos and 24 of them with a capacity of 32,000 tons have already been completed. It has provided 30-40 per cent of the investment.

Within the coming year, silo space for 47,000 tons will be built, almost entirely on long-term Government loans. Total investment in these new silos is estimated at IL5.5m. In addition, the Government will shortly publish tenders for a 20,000 ton silo.

The low quality of meat in the latest ration was due to unsettled conditions in Argentina after the recent revolution, Mr. Halevy explained. Future imports will meet an agreed standard, he promised.

New imports of 2,000 tons of rice from Italy will be 25 per cent more expensive than those from Burma. The quality of the Italian rice is somewhat better, he said.

Babies and children will henceforth receive solid, and not filled, bars of chocolate on their monthly rations.

Agency C'ttee to Plan Zionist Congress Agenda

The Jewish Agency Executive yesterday decided to appoint a special committee to plan the agenda for the 24th Zionist Congress to be convened on April 24. The committee will be chosen by Mr. Berl Locker, Chairman of the Executive.

The Executive also decided to invite representatives of the British Zionist Federation and the Mizrahi Organization in England to come to Jerusalem to iron out several differences of opinion between them, chiefly the Mizrahi request to be represented in Federation activities though not a member of the Federation.

Yesterday's session was opened by Mr. Locker with a eulogy of the late Joseph Mirkin, a member of the First Zionist Congress, who died on Sunday in London. Congratulations were also extended to Mr. Ya'acov Zerubavel, a former member of the Executive, on his 70th birthday.

The Agency yesterday issued a supplementary statement on the decision of a special arbitration committee to award IL25,000 to Mr. David Baharal and to free the Agency from carrying out the terms of a contract whereby Mr. Baharal was to be the sole legal counsel to two Agency departments. The first statement was issued on Saturday night. The Agency has come under the fire of certain sections of the press with regard to the contract.

STRAWBERRIES, JUICY, RED, BUT HIGH PRICED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday.— The first really red strawberries of the season appeared in some shops today to make the mouths of passers-by water, though the prices shook them. The fruit is marked at IL4.500 a kilogram or 300 pruta a small basket with about 10 small berries. Nevertheless one greengrocer said he sold four kilograms today, mostly in small quantities.

RATION NEWS

HAIFA, HADERA AND NORTH: Beans: 300 gms., no coupon, temp. 16. Filled chocolate: 1 package for Aleph, Bet and Gimel, no coupon, temp. 14. Eggs: 4, coupon 115, temp. 7. Frozen meat: 500 gms. for invalids, Bet Gimel 3. Poultry for invalids: 500 gms. for each of coupons Bet Aleph 3 and Bet Bet 3. Eggs: for invalids, 4, Bet Aleph 1; 3, Bet Bet 3; 8, Bet Gimel 1. Chocolate for diabetics: 2 packages. Poultry: 250 gms., coupon 88, temp. 30, 750 gms. for expectant mothers, Heh 2. Fillet: 250 gms., coupon 118, temp. 24.

'Dear Underwear'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — A class at the Weismann Agricultural School was asked to write a composition today on the theft by infiltrators a few days ago of 20 sheep and some underwear that was hanging out to dry.

One 14-year-old wrote:

"Dear Underwear,

You have been stolen by infiltrators and now probably some Arab in Gaza is wearing you. I am sorry I lost you and want to say goodbye to you. I will never see you again, and I don't think the post office will find your address, so I say shalom to you in this way.

Your old owner."

Rains Spoil 6% of Citrus, Enrich the Remainder

Jerusalem Post Staff

Some six per cent of the citrus crop is thought to be unexportable due to the severe rains and hailstorms in December and early January, it was learned from citrus growers yesterday.

The hardest hit area was Rehovot.

The heaviest losses have occurred in mandarines, as no way has yet been found of using the spoiled fruit in processed juices and conserves.

At the beginning of the season, it was anticipated that 8,500,000 crates would be sent abroad. Estimates today have dropped by 500,000 crates. It was pointed out, however, that the undamaged fruit is of excellent quality since it has been enriched by the rains.

One good aspect of the bad weather is that it has kept the Mediterranean fruit fly away.

A total of 1,723,911 crates of citrus have been exported since the beginning of the season. They included 1,358,287 crates of oranges, 262,369 crates of grapefruits, 98,629 of lemons, and 7,631 of mandarines.

APPOINTED CONSULTANT OF CITRUS BOARD

REHOVOT, Monday.—Dr. Esther Hellinger, who retired recently from the staff of the Daniel Sieff Research Institute and Weizmann Institute of Science after over 20 years of service, has been appointed consultant on citrus fruit wastage to the Citrus Marketing Board of Israel in London for the 1955/56 citrus export season. The post and duties have been newly created.

Eshed Selling Cheaper Return Fare Tickets

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Eshed Bus Company has decided to introduce return tickets on several of its interurban lines. They will be between 5-10 per cent cheaper than two separate tickets. Return tickets can already be bought on the Haifa-Acre, Haifa-Nahariya lines and will be available for Tel Aviv lines to Eilat, Beersheba, Migdal Ashkelon and Haifa in about two weeks.

The bus cooperatives are now preparing their annual report to the Ministry of Transport. They will demand an increase in fares, it is learned.

FORGED ESHED TICKETS FOUND IN GERMANY

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Following the discovery in Germany of a further quantity of forged Eshed bus tickets, Nahman Ojeransky, a driver formerly employed by the company, was today re-arrested and remanded in custody for five days.

Ojeransky was released on bail some time ago after IL3,000 worth of forged tickets were discovered in a food parcel addressed to him. Acting on enquiries from here, the German authorities arrested a group of persons in possession of identical tickets. *(Itim)*

Import Duty Cut On Second-Hand Taxis

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The customs authorities today agreed to reduce luxury tax and customs duty on imported second-hand taxis. This follows several weeks of agitation, negotiations and threats to strike by the taxi drivers concerned, in protest against the "exaggerated" customs charges. The latest reductions are 10 per cent off purchase tax and 25 per cent off customs duty on 1953 and 1954 models. Three weeks ago, the drivers were charged at least IL4,000 to clear a taxi.

However, the Taxi Drivers' Association today sent a letter to the Director-General of the Finance Ministry saying that the drivers do not have the money for even the reduced rates. They asked to be allowed to pay in instalments of IL100 per month. They claim that they can get only between IL400 and IL1,500 for their old taxis.

House Labour Unit To Study Joblessness

By ARYAH RUBINSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Six Knesset party groups — representing both the Coalition and Opposition — presented motions to the agenda yesterday calling for a debate on the problem of unemployment. But the Coalition parties later agreed to the Government's motion to refer the question to the Labour Committee and the motion for a debate was supported only by Herut, the General Zionists and the Communists.

Almost every speaker pointed to the reduction in public and private building as one of the main causes for the rise in unemployment. They mentioned that public building has been curtailed because of the national emergency and private building because of the increased levies on building materials.

The Acting Minister of Labour, Mr. P. Naphtali, replying to the motions, admitted that joblessness has increased in recent weeks. As usual, unskilled workers are the main victims.

13,000 Jobless Registered

During the first two weeks of this month, there was an average of over 12,000 registered unemployed, Mr. Naphtali indicated. This number remained after some 30,000 workers were given jobs by the Government, the Jewish Agency and municipalities in public works of one kind or another.

Mr. Naphtali said that the heavy rains increased unemployment by "several thousands" and that a let-up in the rains is likely to improve the situation considerably, particularly in the citrus area.

But if security and immigration are to be given priority, then we cannot make an all-out fight against unemployment, Mr. Naphtali indicated. He said he did not accept the "irresponsible theory" expressed a few minutes before by Mr. Almogi (Mapai) that if we cannot solve the unemployment problem and have a balanced budget then let us not have a balanced budget.

Mr. Almogi, who presented one of the six motions, said that in addition to the 14,000 unemployed, there are 10,000 workers who have temporary part-time jobs made possible through government loans.

Mr. Y. Riftin (Mapam) declared that public building must be resumed. A similar view was expressed by Mr. Almogi, Mr. M. Kelmer (Hapoel Hamizrahi), Mr. H. Meguri-Cohen (Herut) and Mrs. R. Hektin (Ahdut Ha'avoda).

Criminal Procedure

The Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, presented to the Knesset last night a Bill to Change the Rules of Criminal Procedure. The debate is to take place today. The bill limits greatly the resort to the preliminary inquiry in criminal cases. It also makes considerable changes in the system of coroner's investigations.

Cooperative Houses

An amendment to the Cooperative Houses Law was passed to the Legislation Committee. It provides that the decisions of the official authorised to settle quarrels between neighbour-owners be given the weight of decisions of magistrates. It also changes the determining date on which certain special privileges regarding the payment of registration fees is based.

EX-MUFTI IN SAUDIA

MECCA, Monday (Reuter). — King Saud of Saudi Arabia yesterday received Haj Amin el Husseini, ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, who is at present visiting Saudi Arabia.

MORE WORKLESS

The daily unemployment average was 14,350 for the week ending January 6, according to the Ministry of Labour. Of these 11,660 were unskilled workers. This was 540 more jobless than the previous week.

Some workers were absorbed by the citrus industry during the week in question, but this gain in employment was cancelled out by the release of workers from industry and the building trade.

The centres of unemployment were: Kfar Saba — 371; Bnei Brak — 417; Ramat Gan — 647; Rishon LeZion — 613; Ramle — 433; Lydda — 379; Petah Tikva — 650; Jerusalem — 1,517; Haifa — 2,109; Tel Aviv — 1,461.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA

Succession File No. 1/56

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of the late Ben-Ephraim Margalith, from Pardess Hanna, who passed away on August 2, 1955.

AND THE APPLICANT: Rose Genet from Millburn, New Jersey, United States, represented by Advocates Dr. Abraham Weinshall, Haim Glovasky, Arie Weinshall, Aviv Shneyour, Dr. Rachel Ossorguine and Zvi Hiller, of 65 Ha'atzmaut Road, Barclays Bank's Chambers, Haifa.

CITATION

Let all persons take notice that the Applicant Mrs. Rose Genet has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession to the Miri property of Ben-Ephraim Margalith, deceased, and that the said application will be heard at the District Court of Haifa on Feb. 6, 1956, at 10.15 a.m.

All persons claiming any interest in the Estate must appear at the Court at the said time, otherwise such order will be made as to the Court seems right.

S. Rast, Registrar.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA

Probate File No.2/56

IN THE MATTER:- of the will of the late BEN-EPHAIM MARGALITH of Pardess Hanna, who passed away on Aug. 2, 1955.

AND THE APPLICANTS: Elieser Brunengraber, Yehanyahu Biliansky, Chaim Gehrie and Pessah Katz, represented by Advocates Dr. Abraham Weinshall, Haim Glovasky, Arie Weinshall, Aviv Shneyour, Dr. Rachel Ossorguine and Zvi Hiller, of 65 Ha'atzmaut Road, Barclays Bank's Chambers, Haifa.

CITATION

By virtue of an order of the Court given today, I hereby cite all persons to appear in the said Court within ten days from the date of the publication of this citation and show cause, if any they have, why the last will of the deceased should not be proved, approved and registered, and probate thereof granted to the Applicants named therein, or, in default thereof, the Court will proceed to grant the same accordingly.

S. Rast, Registrar.

Dated this Jan. 11, 1956.

A landmark in Jerusalem — the huge gaping hole near the Knesset — is gradually disappearing. For the past few days, a large earth mover has been filling in the hole and levelling the surrounding area under the critical eyes of scores of Jerusalemites.

When the work is finished, the area is to be planted with trees. However, it is not expected that the area will be set aside as a park since there is a fairly large one a short distance away on King George Avenue.

(Photo by Rubinger)

T.A. Jazz Club Holds First Jam Session

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Jazzmen "raised the ceiling" at the first jam-session of the newly formed Tel Aviv Jazz Club at Z.O.A. House today. Playing to a crowded audience, the local players were joined by Benny Bennet and members of his band and visiting musicians from the Haifa Jazz Club.

Mr. Bennet was presented with the first membership card of the new club by Dr. Elias Epstein, programme director of Z.O.A. House. It was disclosed that the famous jazz saxophonist, Sidney Bechet, and his band are soon to visit the country.

A. BEN-GURION FILING SUIT AGAINST ACCUSERS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Deputy Inspector General Amos Ben-Gurion told *The Jerusalem Post* today that he would file a suit in court tomorrow against four members of "Shurat Hamitnadvim," a civic organization, who had accused him of having a secret interest in a doubtful commercial enterprise.

DEFENCE MINISTRY SUED FOR DAMAGES

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A quarter of a million Israel pounds is being claimed from the Ministry of Defence by Mr. Y. Yarkoni, who is suing the Ministry for breach of contract. The claim charges the Ministry with having failed to fulfil the terms of an agreement to exchange 400 pick-up vans used by the Army for new vans, which were to be imported and supplied by Mr. Yarkoni. The agreement had been drawn up between Mr. Yarkoni and Mr. I. Cohen, head of the Building and Property Division of the Ministry. *(Itim)*

CITIZENS AND institutions interested in proffering suggestions for stamps to be issued during the fiscal year 1957-58 are requested to submit their proposals to the Director of the Philatelic Service, P.O.B. 606, Tel Aviv by March 15, 1956. Designs or suggestions received after that date will not be considered.

Ashkelon's Debts Exceed IL300,000

ASHKELON, Monday. — The Ashkelon Municipality, which is reported to have a deficit amounting to more than IL-300,000, today took the first step to help it out of the financial and administrative difficulties encountered since the death of Mayor Sonnabend, by authorizing two councillors to sign cash orders.

The Council empowered the signatures of Mr. Ze'ev Halperin of Hapoel Hamizrahi and Mr. David Berger, of Mapai, for a period of one month, after hearing a report from the Town Treasurer on the financial situation at a closed session.

Negotiations are being conducted between Mapai and the Afridar Company on appointing a new Mayor. *(Itim)*

2,000 DUNAMS FLOODED IN HULA VALLEY

TIBERIAS, Monday. — Of the 10,000 dunams of land reclaimed in the Hula Valley last year and sown in wheat and barley, 2,000 have been flooded by the run-off waters from the Lebanese and Syrian mountains. The Hula Development Authority and the Jewish National Fund hoped to lower the water level by digging drainage trenches, but were disappointed. What is left of Lake Hula is full and can absorb no more flood waters.

Cables in Brief

INDONESIA. — The Indonesian Cabinet has decided to recall its delegation from the deadlocked Dutch-Indonesian talks on improvement of mutual relations.

TRADE. — Egypt yesterday announced that China has ordered LE15m. worth of Egyptian cotton and other agricultural produce. In return Egypt will purchase manufactured goods from China to the total of LE15m.

Lavon Report

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of Commerce would be asked to impose a policy of price stability especially in foodstuffs and clothing, by fighting cartels and preventing smuggling. Imports of luxury goods should be prohibited, but supplies to the "parallel" food market, should continue as at present.

The report pays special attention to cars used by high-ranking Government officials and those of public institutions. Inter-urban and urban communications having improved considerably lately, there was no justification now for officials to have cars at their private disposal. In general, the large-sized American cars should be replaced by smaller, European cars.

Import of foreign artists should be controlled, the report said, guarding this country from the "wave of ham" which has swept over it lately. Receptions should be modest and public festivities on a large scale should be avoided.

Ahdut Ha'avoda also published today a plan for a national emergency. It stresses the necessity to direct manpower to farms and vital production; to fortify the settlements; to procure the money to meet the emergency, and to gear economy and taxation to that aim.

Sale of Coffee

"Atara" says that apart from coupon-free high grade special coffee in the 200 gram brown package with the seal, rationed coffee is still available. The ration is 60 grams per person a month. *(Advt.)*

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Dr. Joseph Smith and family, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A.
Mrs. Fanny Bawly and family, Herzliya
Mrs. Michael Raffel and family, Tel Aviv.

Mrs. Martha Steinweg and family

wish to thank all friends and acquaintances for the condolences received on the death of their beloved

KARL STEINWEG

A memorial meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19 (on the day of "Shloshim"), at 4.30 p.m., at Beit Horim, Kiryat Moshe, Jerusalem.

We deeply mourn the death of our beloved director, teacher and friend

Dr. Kurt Loewenstein

His memory will always be with us.

Physicians and staff of the Neuropsychiatric and Mental Hygiene departments of the Kupat Holim Central Clinic, Rehov Zamenhoff, Tel Aviv.

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Economic News from Abroad

Lower Farm Income in U.S.

● Receding agricultural income is regarded as one of the major dark spots in the continuing U.S. boom. From the record level of 1951, farm prices have dropped a full 25 per cent and 10 per cent of this decline occurred in 1955. For 1956, a further decline of about 5 per cent has been predicted by U.S. economists, and as a matter of fact, prices remain depressed both for grain and for livestock products. On the other hand, industrial prices increased by almost 20 per cent during the past five years, and in many instances farm costs have advanced, too. As a result, farm incomes decreased considerably, and in some areas of the Midwest, this factor has already started to affect the trade turnover and banks report that it is more difficult to collect debts. Nevertheless, the Government subsidies programme has been reduced by adapting it to progressively lower commodity prices and income "parities." Thus, this year's wheat support programme is based on a price of $1.81 a bushel compared with $2.08 in 1955. For corn the comparative prices are $1.20 and $1.54.

Inflation Fears in France

● The coming months are considered to be a critical period for the future of French prosperity, which has hitherto succeeded in matching expanding output by increasing the purchasing power of domestic consumers. Industrial production has risen 28 per cent since 1950 (and 75 per cent since 1938) and national income advanced 7 per cent in 1955. The big innovations last year were improved labour relations and income standards and the signing of accords in several industries guaranteeing minimum wages and an automatic wage increase. In the civil service long-term agreements concerning wages and reclassification of jobs have also been reached. For the future, however, continued expansion must be based on bigger investments in productive enterprises, and experts wonder whether French industry will be able to provide the required capital from current profits, or will have to resort to increased prices and higher taxes which could easily result in a mild inflation.

India's Second Five Year Plan

● India's first five-year plan ends next March, and the prospect is that 87 per cent of the targets will have been met. The irrigated area has been expanded by 8m. acres and food production increased to meet the country's needs for the first time in a generation. Industrial output increased by about 50 per cent, and in more than 100,000 villages "community development programmes" have been put into effect. The second five year plan envisages the increase of steel production from 1.3m. tons to 6m. tons, of cement from 4.6m. tons to 10m., of coal from 37m. tons to 90m., etc. Agricultural production is also to be greatly expanded, to which end several vast irrigation projects are now in the course of construction. The major problem remains, however, the supply of capital, a part of which India hopes to get from abroad. It has been estimated that capital supply during the first five year period fell short of the amount required for attaining the targets by some $1,700m.

German Export Insurance

● Recently published figures show that in 1955 the limit for German export guarantees reached DM7.5b. (compared with DM5b. in the preceeding year), i.e., about one third of total exports. Credits actually covered by export insurance amounted however to less than 10 per cent of the total exports. Losses suffered by the German Government in export insurance were surprisingly low: they were some 0.2 per cent for the whole period 1949-1955, including both defaulting buyers and conversion losses of foreign currencies.

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AT that fateful meeting of the Histadrut's Executive Committee last week, which decided to give the green light to a "qualified and graded" increase in wages, Mr. Eshkol expressed his willingness to bow to the inevitable and his hope that "something will come out of this" for the workers, because the proposed increase is less than originally demanded and therefore less inflationary pressure will be generated. Perhaps he was voicing the widespread sense of relief at the termination of the protracted internal struggle which handicapped the Government and caused urgent decisions to be postponed for months. A closer glance, however, makes this relief look merely ephemeral even if one does not share entirely the pessimistic view of Prof. Abba Lerner. The attempt to achieve a united labour front by using a compromise formula failed conspicuously, and, as a result, industrial unrest and playing up to the gallery in matters concerning wages and productivity will continue unabated. The "white collar" unions of the physicians, teachers and engineers have already announced their determination to fight for the full-scale implementation of the increases agreed to last year, and it would be most surprising if civil servants and other professions did not follow suit. What is more important is that while accepting the wage hike in principle, Mr. Eshkol will have no alternative but to start immediately combating its effects by turning the fiscal screw in order to preserve the shaky budgetary balance, which will influence business and output detrimentally after the public has been prepared to expect higher incomes and lower taxes combined with continuing prosperity. To attain these goals in spite of the new burdens now facing the country would in any case have called for supreme economic statesmanship. Now it almost looks like trying to square the circle.

RELIEF AND RESPONSIBILITY

The crux of the problem is that while faced with the cruel choice of diverting human and material resources to urgent defence and absorption projects (in order to safeguard our very existence) or to expanding exports (in order to make the country economically viable), we prefer instead to go on raising our standard of living and to accord it top economic priority. This is done in dozens of different ways besides increasing wages, most of which are well meant, but the unavoidable result is that the vital tasks are held up.

During recent weeks several new fashion shops and bars and at least three highbrow periodicals were initiated and theatrical activities attained a new level. The Minister of Education announced that his budget will have to be increased from IL36m. to IL58m. next year in order to introduce a ninth year of compulsory schooling. More trade unions have decided to replace provident funds with full-fledged pension schemes. But at the same time, building activities for new immigrants have been reduced, the start of the second Yarkon-Negev pipeline postponed, and the completion of the Fertilizers and Chemicals plant delayed because of lack of funds.

It is obvious that this trend cannot continue for long and one day a new course will have to be adopted, but the uncertainty hovering over this future policy is still with us and is beginning to cast its shadow over the merry-go-round. Both the present drop in retail sales and new ventures and the eagerness with which the public is jumping at saving schemes are perhaps partly brought about by this widespread anxiety, i.e., by the growing awareness of the necessity to prepare for the lean days. It seems that the far-seeing elements in the public — though not necessarily all its leaders — are beginning to be more concerned with future prospects than past promises.

Stock Market Channels Savings

By SHALOM P. DORON

THE potentialities of the Tel Aviv Stock Market were proved by 1955 more than by any previous year. It was in that year that ever-growing amounts of Government and Government-backed securities were absorbed by this market, thus fulfilling a number of important tasks, i.e., encouraging saving and channelling private funds for development purposes which otherwise would have had to come from Government budgets.

The following securities were introduced to the official stock exchange list during 1955:

GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT-BACKED SECURITIES

Popular Loan Premium Bonds (1952/71) B Nominal value appr. IL6,000,000.

4% Compulsory Loan 1950/57 appr. IL 29,250,000.

5% Government Loan due 31.10. 1968, appr. IL 4,000,000.

Palestine Electric Corp. Ltd. 6½% bonds 1957/64 (Guaranteed by Government) appr. IL 5,500,000.

Palestine Electric Corp. Ltd. 6½% Second Red. Preference Shares (London Reg.) approx. nominal value £2,500,000. — IL 12,500,000. Total IL 49,250,000.

OTHERS

Ata Textiles Co. Ltd. Deferred Shares appr. IL 250,000.

"Iava" Investment Corp. of Israel Ltd., 8% Debentures 1965, approx. IL 95,000. Total: IL 375,000.

Total—Securities: IL49,625,000.

Not only did the volume of securities listed on the stock exchange increase by the above amount in 1955 but the circle of investors also grew considerably and small savers were thus introduced to saving through the stock exchange. The success of the Palestine Electric Bonds issue proved that given reasonable conditions adapted to the circumstances the population of this country, or at least a part of it, is prepared to save, provided that its savings are safeguarded against losing their substance value, and also receive income tax facilities. Unfortunately, the idea of investment through the stock exchange has not yet penetrated to many parts of the population and much remains to be done.

The present volume of the nominal value of the securities listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Market has reached IL150m., in which Government and Government-backed securities play a decisive role. The fact, however, that a number of the most important industrials in this country are conspicuously missing from the stock exchange list calls for comment. Moreover, those which are represented, with a few exceptions, are either debentures or preference shares and not ordinary shares, which under normal circumstances have proved a much more interesting investment than fixed-rate debentures or preference shares.

On the one hand, the large industrial concerns in this country do not see fit to have their ordinary shares put on the stock market, while on the other hand, investors in ordinary shares listed on the stock market are disappointed because they did not get proper compensation as the years passed, the official rate of exchange of the pound having dropped to one-fifth. The only exception has been provided by the Ata and Kurdaneh companies, but although here a revaluation of assets to the value of IL1.- IL.- has been arranged and shareholders received special compensation bonus shares, much more could be done in this direction by these and other companies, since in the meantime the rate of exchange has been made IL3.800—$1.-. Difficulties with the income tax authorities seem to be responsible for the delay in such measures.

When we compare prices in recent years as given in the table below of the ordinary shares listed on the stock market, we will understand why shareholders have been disappointed. It may be strongly recommended, therefore, that if we are interested in a healthy and normal stock market and if we want to encourage saving by investments in the future, the income tax problem with reference to revaluation of assets must find its satisfactory solution.

As far as the tendency of the market during 1955 is concerned, this year was generally dull with only a few exceptions. As long as a high rate of interest prevails for money lending few savers and investors are attracted to the stock market. In September, with the cost of living rising and renewed signs of inflation apparent, investors again began to look for inflation-safe investments, and a short revival took place. Towards the end of the year prices remained rather steady.

The oil boom provided new vigour, and much life has been infused into the securities market since the Heletz oil strike stock exchange. The success of the Palestine Electric Bonds issue proved that given reasonable conditions adapted to the circumstances the population of this country, or at least a part of it, is prepared to save, provided that its savings are safeguarded against losing their substance value, and also receive income tax facilities. Unfortunately, the idea of investment through the stock exchange has not yet penetrated to many parts of the population and much remains to be done.

THE TEL AVIV STOCK EXCHANGE

	1953 L	1953 H	31.12.53	1954 L	1954 H	31.12.54	1955 L	1955 H	31.12.55	1955 L (328% / 1.172)	1955 H (740% / 1.358)	31.12.55 (724% / 1.296)
Tavel-Dollar	-.546	1.757	-.739	-.665	1.570	1.395	1.570	1.460	1.330			
Bank Leumi	190	250	225	204	310	280	255	405	354	2321	345	2342
P.L.D.C. Ord. Reg.	1625	251	197	1565	1825	1642	1645	181	1402	132	1401	1191
Africa-Palestine	130	187	127	1155	137	1215	1615	1315	197	76	186	892
Pal. Potash Prefs.	110	1321	1521	1511	351	351	340	480	350	336	401	338
Ata Ord. "B"	127	200	135	1345	177	1572	1321	164	1462	1161	1405	1342
Assia	172	210	172	164	177	170	147	1731	160	1361	160	140
Nesher "B" Debts.	—	—	—	180	1361	1561	130	170	197	121	1971	1361
Pal. Cold Storage Ord.	—	—	—	113	130	1271	1661	140	2201	2042	220	210

SECURITIES INDEX ACCORDING TO PRICES AT THE TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET
By Government Bureau of Statistics
Basic 100—Average 1950

Month	Year	Government Loans: Dollar-linked	Government Loans: Others	Debentures	Preference Shares	Ordinary Shares
December	1951	100.0	97.9	99.7	106.4	138.4
December	1952	154.5	96.0	92.3	111.2	137.7
December	1953	283.4	96.0	91.1	161.6	200.1
December	1954	283.5	99.1	86.8	160.4	224.3
November	1955	279.9	100	85.1	164.6	211.0

In September (although the oil shares are not officially included in the stock exchange list, but are being dealt in outside the stock exchange list).

It may be recalled that about a year ago, the I.L. Feuchtwanger Bank and the P.E.C. Investment Corporation sold a limited amount of Israel Oil Prospectors shares at about IL5.- to IL5.250. When the Heletz well shot up the first oil in Israel, prices soared, reaching a high of close to IL30.- the price settling later to between IL20.- IL22.-; it appears that as soon as prices sink below 20.- new investors are immediately ready to grasp the opportunity and buy them at such prices. That is why they only seldom remain below IL20.-, especially as the holders of these shares are widely distributed and now, as before the boom, the shares are in the hands of persons who do not expect quick profits but consider the shares to be a long-term investment. Following a trend similar to that of the Israel Oil Prospectors were the Jordan Exploration shares which had previously sold at IL3.500 and reached a peak of IL10.-; prices have settled now at around IL7.-IL8.

New big capital issues by Government or Government-backed companies are in store for 1956, among them an additional IL8m. worth of Palestine Electric Debentures, IL4m. worth of Zim, IL10m. Mekorot, IL1.25m. of Delek, Igaroth, Fertilizers and Chemicals, etc. In order to enable the absorption of such a large capital flotation, problems connected with the stock exchange and securities must be solved. In addition to the income tax problem in connection with the revaluation of assets, as mentioned above, three further steps should be taken:

(a) Government intervention in the Government securities market.
(b) Improvement of the market's favourite — the Tavel Dollar conditions.
(c) Income tax facilities for security holders.

One can hardly see justification in advising investors to embark upon new dollar-linked investments, at par while the Tavel Dollar is selling at between 70-75 per cent, even taking into consideration special benefits which are offered by the dollar-linked Palestine Electric bonds for instance. The Tavel Dollar should accordingly be re-equipped on the lines of the Palestine Electric bonds, i.e., a 25 per cent ceiling of income tax deduction as well as freeing investors from inclusion of the income derived from Tavel-Dollar coupons in their income tax return. Moreover, the Government would be well advised to extend these facilities to all stock exchange securities, since they certainly bring in more to the Treasury than is lost in income tax on limited companies in any case pay 32½ per cent income tax and corporation tax, so that financially these facilities would cause a very small loss of revenue to the Treasury. On the other hand, it would encourage saving and prevent savers from spending their money on luxuries or "other investments" which do not benefit the country's economy.

Reference being made to a recent statement by the Minister of Finance and other Government officials we must bring up one more point — the capital tax and capital gains tax propositions. The stock exchange Council was successful in the past in dissuading the Government from implementing the capital tax and capital gains tax as far as securities are concerned. Our public is not yet sufficiently stock-exchange minded and still prefers hoarding cash, gold and jewellery, a very simple way of evading any possible capital tax or capital gains tax. Any move in the direction of capital tax or capital gains tax embracing securities would only encourage those who believe in the other markets, and would frighten them away from the stock exchange. In other words, inclusion of securities within the framework of the capital gains tax or capital tax would mean destroying the young stock market and losing the confidence in security investment which stock exchange circles have tried to establish during the past 20 years. We may add that had taxes such as the capital tax or capital gains tax been levied during the initial stages of development in the United States, Australia or any other country, these countries might never have attained their present outstandingly prosperous economy.

The above table of highs and lows in recent years will give a picture of the developments of the Tel Aviv Stock Market.

Large New Promotion Company

THE private sector is shortly to establish a large promotion company to serve as a rallying point for productive investments particularly in industrial projects, it is reliably learned. The company will be named The United Development Corporation Ltd. and will have a registered capital of IL0.5m. or IL1m., which is to be subscribed by several groups in packets of IL-50,000 each.

Among the founders are some of the leading trade and industrial firms and negotiations are in hand for the participation of other groups of capitalists, especially experienced manufacturers and investors. At a later stage the company plans to issue ordinary shares to the local public and to obtain capital investments from abroad by offering participation in specific concerns, which it will develop and retain under its management or, at least, its active patronage.

The company will start its activity by reconstructing several industrial firms which are hard pressed for lack of capital.

Stocks and Commodities

Tel Aviv Quiet with Firm Undertone

THE week was quiet again on the Tel Aviv stock market. Lack of cash restricted business on the one hand but demand for inflation-safe investments brought some life into the market. In the State Loans section the week was particularly dull; turnover shrinking considerably in comparison with the usual activity. Also price changes were negligible, especially in Stock "A" and Stock "B." The Potash issues recovered from their lowest levels with preference shares gaining some six points and ordinary some three points during the week. Unfortunately, although the general meeting took place in London on January 12, no information has yet been received about the outcome of this meeting, but it may be assumed that the capital reorganization scheme was duly confirmed. Better also were Palestine Electric Second Preference, Ata, Kurdaneh, Palestine Cold Storage and a number of other shares. On the other hand, Bank Leumi suffered from a very sharp drop, losing more than 11 points.

Good prospects for further developments in the Heletz area may have been responsible for some revival in the demand for oil shares. Prices were slightly higher, at IL20.750 for Israel Oil Prospectors Shares and IL7.500 for Jordan Exploration. In New York the price of the Israel American Oil shares was $4-7/8 and for the Pan-Israel Oil shares $2.-.

New York Recovers After Sharp Decline

UNCERTAINTY about President Eisenhower's candidacy for re-election was probably the main reason for the sharp drop in prices on Wall Street at the beginning of the week. However, a tendency towards recovery developed later and bargain-hunting brought investors to the market. At the week-end the market was rather cautious, with the recovery movement lagging, and the close was generally irregular. News that General Motors were laying off 2950 workers and Chrysler were cutting output by 10% in order to align output with demand, appear to have exerted a damaging effect on the market. The Dow Jones Industrial Index was 481.80 after 476.12 as against 485.68 last week. Ford Motor Stock will have to be rationed among small investors bidding for it when it comes on the market tomorrow. It is predicted that 90% of the sales will be in lots of 200 shares or less and most in odd lots of less than 100. The final pattern of holdings will probably be a few hundred thousand stock holders with an average of under 100 shares each. The stock will have an estimated value of around $600m., estimated at $60.- per share.

London Industrials Decline

THE price of industrials moved sharply down during the week, only slightly recovering later. At the beginning of the week Wall Street influence was evident, while political uncertainties about the Middle East were re-inforced by the unsettling effect of wage claims and signs of inflationary movements. At the week-end the stock market closed more stably and there were some signs of cheap buying in the better class of equities. The strength of iron-curtain issues was the only feature in foreign bonds while the unchanged bank rate failed to help the gilt-edged issues. Reuter's daily index for industrials was 224, after 223.5 and as against 234 last week.

Egypt Worried by Cotton Offers

WHILE considerable amounts of government owned surpluses of wheat, lard and cotton-seed oil were sold by the U.S. to Egypt, Egypt is reported to be worried by the American plan to offer substantial quantities of cotton for sale abroad "at competitive prices." At the same time great efforts to improve the standard of the Egyptian Ashmouni cotton are being made by the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture. Following widespread complaints from cotton spinners throughout the world about the gradual deterioration of the quality of Ashmouni cotton, the most commonly used variety of the Egyptian crop, a mission, sponsored by the Internation Factories of Cotton Industries which recently visited Egypt, made an investigation. From Beirut it is learned that Syria's request for the institution of Certificates of Origin for all foreign goods entering Arab League states so as to tighten the boycott against Israel will be discussed at the Economic Council meeting. The Financial Times reports that Syria claims that Israel is exporting some of her products to Arab countries through the offices of third countries.

Gold Market

In Paris the bleak and confused prospect for Parliament when it meets on January 19, shook the Paris official free gold market and prices shot up in heavy trading. This nervousness is bound to continue at least until a government is formed. The price of the kilobar jumped to Ffrs. 668,000.- from Ffrs. 645,000.- before the elections and Ffrs. 621,000.- six months ago and the price of Louis to Ffrs. 3,800.- from Ffrs. 3,700.- and Ffrs. 2,500.- six months ago, and the Sovereign to Ffrs. 4,070.-. The price of the dollar and sterling also reflected the position, the former touching Ffrs. 490.- per dollar for the first time for some two years (Ffrs.50.- above the official rate) and sterling was running as high as Ffrs. 1,350.-. In Brussels new measures were announced recently by the National Bank of Belgium, according to which imports and exports of gold have become free as from January 1. These developments are part of the policy of the Belgian monetary authorities to re-establish complete convertibility of the currency. Complete freedom has also been given to Belgians who hold gold abroad to dispose of it as they wish. The Brussels free market in gold, however, is likely to remain rather small.

In Athens complete freedom for the import of gold was announced. This was immediately followed by a considerable drop in the price of gold, as this freedom was expected to limit arbitrage profits on unlawful imports which are estimated at 40-50,000 sovereigns per month.

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Insurance Cos. Miss Out

INSURANCE companies missed the bus in the P.E.C. second debentures issue. All Israel companies decided to subscribe jointly for IL0.5m., but have been told that no more that IL0.25m. can be placed at their disposal, because of the unprecedented public demand. Insurance companies are now switching over their investments to more gilt-edged securities according to recent Government regulations.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

JANUARY 16, 1956

Pop. Loans 1950/60 (IL.20)	99½
2½% Tavel Dollar x)77)	69½
4% Comp. Loan 55/67	94½
2½% War Loan 54/70	59
3½% Gov. Bds. (large)	102½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	103
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	94½
Pal. Electric Red. Deb. }	81
Rh. Leumi ord.sh.	355
A.F.P. Investm. ord. sh. "B"	1062
Gazit ord. sh. "B"	101
Elharo's Inv. ord.	159
P.E.C.Inv.ord. "B" sh.d)	98½
Gen. Mortg. Bk.ord. sh.	76½
Binar 4% debs. 56/68	81½
Nir 4% Debs. (bearer)	81½
5% pref. sh.	80
Pass 6% debs. 60/64 reg	85
"Iava" 8% debs.	81
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	114½
5% debs	81
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	81½
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh.d)	90
Pal. Potash 6% pref.	231
"A" ord. shares	119
Pal. Elec.pref.sh. (L.Ms)	203½
6½% P.E.C. Debs. 57/64	103½ **
Mahoret pref. sh.	76½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	118½
5-6% conv. debs.	93½
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B" }	123½
7% conv. debs. 59/68	93½
Koller-Dee ord.sh.rez.z	87
Pal.-Brewery 5%con sh.	83
Assia Bejarano "B" sh.	139½
"Teva" ord. sh. d)	105½
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	103
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs.	143
prd. sh. reg. (full div.)	225
Pal. Centr. Tr 8% debs.	94

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-dividend; e) ex right; x) in % of IL1.800; y) 13.6./15.12; * Dollar; ** Index.

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Citrus By-Products Double Output

By Our Correspondent

THIS year the citrus by-products industry will almost double its output compared with the last season, when work had to be curtailed because of an insufficient citrus crop. However prospects for marketing are excellent and the industry does not expect new stocks to accumulate in the near future. On the whole prices for citrus juices and concentrates remained stable.

Direct production costs were somewhat higher this year, particularly on account of the higher price agreed for citrus fruit. oranges and grapefruit used for exportable products cost IL35 the ton as against IL32.5 during the two preceding seasons. This amounts to an additional IL40 for a ton of concentrates. The price of lemons also increased from IL45 to IL60 per ton and there is a shortage in view of the big demand for lemon juice, mainly on the domestic market.

Maritime freight, packing materials, wages and some other cost items were also higher this year. This, however, was compensated to a large extent by lower overheads because of increased turnover. The industry hopes to process up to 60,000 tons of oranges this winter, compared with 34,000 tons a year ago (in 1953/54 the amount of processed fruit reached a peak of 77,500 tons). In addition, some 8,000-10,000 tons of grapefruit will be processed, as in former years.

Exports of citrus by-products reached $2m. during the first nine months of 1955 (compared with $2.7m. in the corresponding period of 1954) and the target of $3m. for the current financial year may not be far off. There are, however, some disquieting points. One is the reduced income from ancillary by-products, which in former years helped to improve the calculation for concentrates and juices, the staple commodities. Thus prices for dried citrus peel for forage will presumably settle at 10 per cent below last year's IL170 per ton, because of the increased supply of bran and imported feedstuffs. Profits on essential oils have been reduced because of stiff American competition abroad.

German Tender

The other cloud on the industry's horizon is its growing concentration on the British market, as a result of the American export subsidy which eliminated Israel products from most Continental markets (the British declined the subsidized products in order not to hurt their West-Indian dependencies). Out of $1.5m. value of citrus concentrates sold in January-September 1955, over $1.2m. went to the U.K., some $100,000 to Finland and $70,000 to France under trade agreements. West Germany, which is considered as the second best market, offered Israel import licences for DM2m. of citrus concentrates and pasteurized juices last year, but these could not be utilised because Israel prices proved too high.

Now a tender for a similar amount has again been issued and producers are of the opinion that at least a part of it should be taken up in order to place Israel products on the German market as a preliminary to future trading, when we shall have to dispose of bigger quantities. In order to compete with the U.S. products, producers would have, however, to reduce prices by some 20 per cent. This they are not ready to do without a government subsidy. The amount in question — for the entire quantity — is some IL150,000, but in addition there is the question of principle, as the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is basically opposed to export subsidies.

Luxury Hotels Hit Hardest

By Our Correspondent

THE present crisis in the hotel industry is mainly confined to the top-class establishments, which have been catering for luxury tourists, while second-grade hotels are relatively better off, depending to a considerable extent on local clientele, it is learned.

Though their profits are also affected by rising costs and the disappointing development of tourist traffic in recent months, this is partly compensated for by income from local visitors and from ancillary lines, such as banquets, week-end trips, restaurants, etc. Moreover, they have been in a better position to reduce expenses, discharge staff etc., while luxury hotels are forced to keep up appearances and maintain their staff at almost full strength even when it is out of proportion to the reduced number of guests.

Plans now being worked out for the completion of the Nordau Plaza hotel are also to be revised according to this experience, so as to make it acceptable to the local higher middle-class both in accommodations and in prices. The Treasury has reportedly expressed its willingness to lend a hand to complete the hotel with a loan of some IL0.5m. which would be perhaps one-third of the required capital.

Should Mr. J. Gert, the new director, armed with a decisive vote, fail to find the rest of the required new money within a reasonable time, the building will presumably be taken over by the Government and sold to another group. The present partners, the Graidel family and the Belgian group (Investerco), are said to have invested $2.5m. up to the time a quarrel between them halted construction three years ago.

Bid for Indian Market

By PHILIP DEANE

DELHI (OFNS). — THE Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Gaetano Martino, now in Delhi, and the German Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Franz Bluecher, who is arriving this week, both have as one of their main objectives the exploration of possibilities for Government-to-Government trading with India. This is part of a bid by both these countries to enlarge their share of the India market, which could expand greatly during Mr. Nehru's second Five-Year Plan, calling for double the investment of the first plan and for highly increased imports of machinery.

Foreign interests wishing to operate in India will increasingly find that they have to deal with the State, whose policy it is to take over more and more of the economy. Private risk capital from Western countries is not likely to come forward unless it is Government-encouraged, either through guarantees for the investments or through credit facilities. Both the Germans and the Italians seem to think governmental action (not favoured so far by the British) might eventually prove profitable for their economies.

PAPER NEWS

NEW FINISH FOR HADERA PRODUCED PAPERS

Taking advantage of the yearly shut-down for overall maintenance and repairs, A.I.-P.M. technicians have recently installed a new Calendar Stack at the Hadera Paper Mills. Built in the United States in strictest accordance with local requirements, the equipment was designed to provide higher diversity in paper finishes.

The new installation will be of particular benefit to printers of illustrated pamphlets and magazines and to newspaper publishers. The public at large will benefit directly from the very fine reproduction of pictures and illustrations made possible by the high finish qualities that will thus be imparted to locally produced papers.

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